



Matravers School

History

The Department

The History department is recognised as a strength of the school and has a strong tradition of academic achievement at both GCSE and A Level.

The History Department is comprised of four full time teachers, one of which is the Director of Post 16. All are well established members of the department who contribute to curriculum design. The school is now looking to appoint an enthusiastic, ambitious and well qualified History teacher to build upon the excellent standards that have been established.

Curricular Provision

Students in **KS3** have 4 lessons a fortnight.

The curriculum currently includes:

Year 7

Wiltshire through Time
Migration through Time
The Power of Medieval kings
West African Kingdoms
A History of Animals

Year 8

The Transatlantic Slave Trade
English Civil War
India and the British Empire
Revolutionary Moments
Women through Time

Year 9

WW1
Interwar Britain
The Holocaust
WW2
The Cold War

We have recently reworked our curriculum to include a mixture of depth, period and development studies across three years. This work continues with the new additions of our animal history unit.

At **Key Stage 4** we offer Edexcel GCSE History. This includes Medicine, Anglo Saxons and Normans, Spain and the New World, and Weimar and Nazi Germany. History is a very popular GCSE option; there are currently 3 groups in year 10 and 3 in year 11. This is taught over 5 hours a fortnight.

At **Key Stage 5** we offer OCR A-level History. The topics taught are the American Revolution, Britain in the 20th Century and Civil Rights in America. Alongside the NEA essay which is bespoke to student interests. These units are taught over 5 hours a fortnight.

Extra-Curricular Provision

The department is very keen to offer the students cross curricular opportunities. We are beginning to reintroduce our Berlin trip for academic year 2026-7. In addition, History has great influence over the PSHE and assembly programme, with International Women's Day, Holocaust Memorial Day and others being marked.